GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVISION OF TELEPHONE RENTALS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bi-monthly telephone rentals have been increased recently in Mysore City;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of consumers so far surrendered their telephones after the recent hike in rentals;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to reconsider the hike; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The bi-monthly telephone rental in Mysore city was increased from Rs. 360 to Rs. 500 from1.10.2001 in pursuance of the existing tariff policy since the total equipped capacity of Mysore Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) Exchange System crossed 1 lakh lines.

(c) & (d) The number of consumers who surrendered their telephones during October and November 2001 are 793 and 678 respectively. However during the same period 1463 and 1284 new connections were respectively provided, resulting in a net increase of 1276 connections in these two months.

(e) & (f) No, Sir. The present structure of rental is uniformly applicable all over the country and is within the ceiling notified by the Telecom Regulatory of India, as statutory body empowered to fix/revise the tariff under clause 11(2) of TRAI Act of 1997.